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FOOD CASING WITH VINYLPIRROLIDONE
POLYMERS

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIRMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed June 20, 2006, applicant hereby provisionally elects claims Group I, claims 1-13 and 15-19 for continued examination, without traverse.

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Applicant believes no fee is due with the response. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 11-0553, under Order No. 2901886.14.

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